

cry, and thus aid in the acquisition of control over larger forms of trouble.—Dr. John Mitchell, in Harper's Bazar.

Dangers From America's Success

On the tombs of ruined nations can be truly written the epitaph: "They gave not God the glory." To lose our sense of dependence upon Him "in whom we live and move and have our being" is the gravest of perils and the genesis of all spiritual degeneration. The man who recognizes that all he has comes from God's fatherly hand is removed an indefinite distance from the worldling who gives himself and his own wit and ingenuity the credit for his success. In the olden time Israel "waxed fat and kicked." America, too, has waxed fat, and no man can measure the dangers of such unexampled success. Prosperity, too, often generates pride and self-will and induces spiritual paralysis. Some men are pious only so long as they are poor. Riches brings leanness of soul. Luxury and success breed apostasy and skepticism.

The more God gives to some people the less they thank him for it. It is very needful, therefore, that, like the people of God in former ages, we should observe the feast of the harvest, and remind ourselves that "the Lord hath done great things for us, wherefore we are glad." In our city life we are too prone to forget our dependence upon the soil for life and substance. The farmer sows his seed in faith, and he can more fully realize that it is God who giveth the increase. He could, in the twinkling of an eye, destroy our prosperity, but in the face of our base ingratitude, He is pouring out His bounties upon us lavishly, and His mercies are new unto us every day. And as He supplied for us such an abundant harvest He expects of us in return some spiritual fruitage.—Rev. P. S. Leinback.

Sisters' S. C. E.

From the President

It is not a flood of enthusiasm, nor even a sparkling wave of joy that inspires me to write again, but quite the opposite, the disappointment in the annual S. S. C. E. report given a few weeks ago. It was poor because a number of societies didn't send their report at all, and some of these are good societies too in other respects. What about them? We shall expect from them during the year occasional accounts of what they are doing then a full report, with the others, at Conference time. Whether they simply neglected to report, or whether they did not consider their work worth reporting in either case we see the result meant a meager annual report at Conference. May this lead the president of each society to feel a sense of personal responsibility in all future reports, remembering it is nothing more than being faithful for Jesus. And this none can ever regret doing.

Present surroundings suggest the thought. The night is almost gone while we are watching at Sister Cassel's bed side. She is in a half-stupor now, could she express herself on this point, it would not be regret for what she did for the S. S. C. E., for Jesus has been growing more and more precious to her during her illness. After rousing from a semi-unconscious state last night she looked up and said, "Am I here yet?" "I want to go home." The tender devotion shown by Brother Cassel all thru this long and trying siege, is touching and indeed Christly. May God continue to give grace to both and a double portion for the near end.

Brother Bowman's mission is about fifty squares from our church here, but the work is opening with bright prospects. I am helping in the mission and enjoy the work.

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Our Young People

CHILDREN OF GOD

Rom 8:14-17

Topic December 1.

READINGS FOR THE HOME CIRCLE

Mon. Nov. 25. God our Creator, Gen. 1:1-5; 24:27.
Tues. " 26. Of one family. I Cor. 8:1-6.
Wed. " 27. The heavenly Father, Isa. 64:1-8.
Thurs. " 28. Adoption, Eph. 1:3-12.
Fri. " 29. Obligation of relationship, I Pet. 2:17; I John 4:7-9, 20, 21.
Sat. " 30. The future home, Heb. 11:8-16.
Sun. Dec. 1. The topic.

Every one knows some one who has been interested in a prospective fortune. Perhaps some rich relative died in the old country and the lawyers are trying to locate all the descendants that they may claim the fortune. With what zeal and lavish use of time and money the heirs seek to establish their claim to heirship. But their is a relationship which all may enter into which is worth more than all the fortunes of the world. It has its great blessings but it also has its obligations. We study about it this week. May God help us to know our privileges and to live up to them,

GOSPEL HELP

1 All are children of God by creation, I Cor. 8:6; Acts 17:28.

There are those who deny all obligations to do right simply because they do not pretend to serve God.

Will a denial of our relation to God excuse us from the duties arising from it?

Do all whether Christians or not have the same duty of obeying God?

2 The real children of God are those who do his will. Rom. 8:14; Matt. 5:9.

Show how in a family some may be disobedient or even runaway children while others are grateful and loving and obedient. These are the only real children.

3 To become in this sense a real child of God requires a new birth which we call conversion. John 3:5; John 1:12.

4 This is brought about thru faith. Gal. 3:26; John 5:24.

5 It implies love to God and man. I Pet. 2:17; I John 4:7-9, 20, 21.

6 It implies obedience. I Pet. 1:14.

7 It means liberty. Rom. 8:21.

8 It means heirship with Christ. Rom. 8:16, 17. To what are the children of God heirs?

9 It is a wonderful privilege. I John 3:1.

10 Some choose to be of the other class. John

8:44. Why? What is their end? Who present wants to be of this class?

FOR THOUGHT AND TALKS

1 Will the fact that God is our Creator save us in the judgment?

2 Does God want all to be his children? How do you know he wants the poor? the sinful? the rich? you?

3 How does God help us to be children?

4 Children are supposed to resemble their parents. Are Christians like God in character? If so what virtues have they?

5 How does Jesus help us to be true children of God?

6 Who may be born of the Spirit?

7 How may we get others to be children of God?

C. F. YODER.

Christian Life

"Thy Kingdom Come"

MARVIN R. WARNER

Thy kingdom come, O Lord; our souls are yearning
To hail the dawning of the promised day
When all our race, to Thee in love returning,
Thy name shall hallow and Thy law obey.

O, may its coming bind, in sacred union,
The universal Christian brotherhood;
One faith prevail and one divine communion
Unite, in fellowship, the sons of God.

May war no more unfurl its bloody banners;
May cruel tyranny forever cease;
While all the nations join in sweet hosannas
To greet the triumphs of the Prince of peace.

May wealth, grown generous, bestow its treasures
Upon the altars of humanity;
And cultured genius find its sweetest pleasures
In soothing pain and bidding sorrow flee.

May righteousness descend, all vice dispelling,
And purging ev'ry vile, unballowed stain,
Till earth becomes a pure and holy dwelling,
Where angel visitors shall long remain.

Thy saints, O Lord, Thy sacred temples thronging,
And round the altar of each Christian home,
Are waiting to Thy throne, with earnest longing,
The universal prayer, "Thy kingdom come."

—Christian Advocate.

The Hope of Immortality

Human nature possesses potentialities which seek another sphere for their exercise. Beautiful as this world is, it is not the whole of the ideal. The spiritual man feels himself to be a sojourner. We feel it impossible to think that noble and ignoble alike find the cessation of their activities in the grave. Are the good and the bad, the pure and the impure, the just and the unjust, the selfish and the unselfish, to crowd each other on a meaningless pilgrimage that ends with the dread silence of the tomb? Our hearts give answer. Nobility is worth preserving. Man is greater than his opportunities. The life beyond is the explanation of the incompatibility between human aspiration and human opportunity here.

"Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul."

Our higher human sentiments confirm this hope of the Christian. Earthly love is a broken light of the love of Christ. True human affection looks forward. Many per-